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BELLEVUE HOSPITAL ESCAPES FIRE PANIC

1,246 Patients Pacified by Nurses as Blaze Rages Across Street.

ROOFS ARE KEPT WET

Water Constantly Played on Buildings on 26th Street Side.

THREE FIREBOATS AID

Spectacular Blaze Gathers Large Crowd of East Side Residents.

Bellevue Hospital, with its 1,246 patients and 250 nurses and physicians, was endangered last night about 8 o'clock when fire swept the three top floors of the five-story brick building at 447 to 451 First avenue, directly across East Twenty-sixth street from the hospital, which is occupied by the Physio Studios and the Selwyn Construction Studios and Warehouse. Great clouds of smoke, heavy, black and dense, rolled across the street toward the hospital, and before the windows could be closed much of it got into Ward 32, where several children are lying ill from contagious diseases. A little of the smoke got into other parts of the hospital, but a panic among the patients, who began to be restive as soon as they smelled the smoke and heard the clang and clatter of the fire apparatus—three alarms were turned in, bringing many engines and hose carriages and three fireboats—was prevented by the prompt action of the Assistant Superintendents, Dr. Mark L. Fleming and Samuel Hess. They ordered the Supervising Nurses, Miss Amy Reinhardt and Miss Elizabeth Von Der-Skay, to send all nurses and internes through the wards at once to explain to the patients what was going on.

Patients Are Reassured.
This was done at once. The nurses and the doctors explained carefully the exact location of the fire, and told the patients that the flames could not by any possibility reach the hospital, that the whole New York Fire Department was there to protect them and that there was no danger. In some of the wards the nurses and internes reached the patients just in time to prevent them from being badly scared. The windows in Ward 32, directly in the line of the rolling clouds of smoke that rose from the fire, any lighted swiftly across Twenty-sixth street, were closed, but in other parts of the hospital patients who were able were allowed to go to the windows and watch the fire.

Fire Department officials assured the hospital authorities as soon as they arrived that they would be able to keep the flames from crossing Twenty-sixth street. One company was held ready to put out any conflagration that might develop in the institution and the night engineers of the hospital, John McGuire and Thomas Doherty, got out the hospital's hose lines, connected them to the standpipes and began wetting down the

roof on the Twenty-sixth street side. They stuck to this point for several hours, keeping a continual stream of water playing on the roof, and at no time was the hospital in danger of catching fire.

The Fire Department went through the blaze with no casualties, except that a lieutenant and three firemen of Engine Company 65 were overcome by gas and smoke while working on the fourth floor of the burning building. They are Lieut. George Foster and firemen Edward J. Quinn, Henry Hegerich and Arthur Hunter. They were handling a hose line when the smoke caught them. They were carried to the street by other firemen, treated by Fire Department surgeons and were able to return to work within a short time.

Clerk Discovered Fire.

The fire was discovered about 8 o'clock by Richard Sullivan, a soda water clerk, at 445 First avenue, on the roof of Twenty-sixth street. He was not busy and happened to look out the window. He saw the whole street lighted up by a flicker of glare. Running outside, he saw flames and smoke pouring from the windows in the top floor of the Selwyn Building.

He went across the street and pulled a fire alarm box and then went immediately to the offices of Bellevue Hospital and notified the attendants there. The second and third alarms, which were called at once, and put into motion the plans that prevented a panic and probably saved the lives of many of the hospital's patients.

The first alarm brought John King, Deputy Chief, and several engine and hook and ladder companies. Because of the headway the first had gained and its proximity to the hospital, Chief King sent the second and third alarms, which brought Chief Kenlon, just returned to duty after his vacation, three fireboats, and the searchlight engines from Brooklyn. The third alarm also brought the police reserves from five precincts, under command of John O'Brien, acting Chief Inspector; Capt. Ward of the East Thirty-fifth street station and Capt. Mason of the East Twenty-second street station.

The fire was one of the most spectacular the lower East Side has seen in many months, and within half an hour a crowd estimated at 10,000 persons were jamming and milling along First avenue and the side streets in an effort to see the huge clouds of smoke and the burning jets of flame that flared upward from the burning building. Rumors spread that the hospital was on fire, and the police had some little difficulty in keeping the crowd back.

Detectives and uniformed men went through the crowds, however, and told the people what was burning, and that the hospital was in no danger. After that the crowds were quieter. Police lines were established several blocks from the fire, but the police needed every available uniformed man and detective to maintain them.

The police boats John Purroy Mitchell, the William H. Strong and the George H. McClellan, anchored off Twenty-sixth street and ran hose lines up to the fire from the river. The firemen went to tenement houses that adjoined the burning structure on either side. In First avenue and in Twenty-sixth street and Twenty-seventh street, and ordered the tenants to move. Then from the roofs of these buildings a score or more of streams of water were poured from high pressure hydrants onto the flames. The searchlight engines took up positions and sent the beams of their lights through the heavy smoke, greatly aiding the firemen in their work.

After about two hours of work, Chief Kenlon said that the fire was under control and that the department would be able to confine it to the third, fourth and fifth floors of the Selwyn building. None of the other structures near by caught fire, although a few were damaged by the streams of water and by the smoke.

Shortly before midnight the flames had been practically extinguished and the tenants of the apartment houses were allowed to return to their homes. The Fire Department estimated the damage at between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

\$50,000 FOR SWATOW VICTIMS.

HONO KONO, Sept. 5 (Associated Press).—The British Government here has made arrangements to send another \$50,000 to the relief of Swatow, the seaport 250 miles north of here, which a month ago was struck by a typhoon with an estimated loss of 60,000 lives.

HYLAN CALLS BOARD IN TRANSIT BATTLE

Special Meeting To-day to Open Fire on Miller by Indorsing Mayor's Plan.

IGNORE CROSSTOWN LINE

Transit Board's Request Not on Calendar—Whalen for Tri-Borough Bridge.

The campaign for the adoption of the Hylan \$400,000,000 transit scheme, as opposed to the plan of the Miller Transit Commission, will be started at a special meeting of the Board of Estimate to-day. As it has been virtually conceded by friends of the Mayor that his announcement was put out for the purpose of using it as political capital against Gov. Miller, it is expected there will be much talk along that line at to-day's meeting.

After each member of the board has expressed his general approval of the Hylan plan a date for a public hearing will probably be set.

The plan of the Transit Commission for a Brooklyn-Queens crosstown subway, recently sent to the Transit Commission for approval, is not on to-day's calendar.

Commissioner Whalen, of the Department of Plant and Structures has not asked the Board of Estimate to consider his proposition for a new East River bridge and the reconstruction of the Third Avenue bridge, which he said last night he would wait until the department's engineers had completed their plans. It had no connection whatever, he asserted, with the Hylan transit.

The projected tri-borough bridge has, however. The Commissioner received a delegation from the Harlem Board of Trade and the Harlem Chamber of Commerce, headed by Representative Martin Ansoorge and State Senator William Duggan, urging him to push the tri-borough bridge. It was his intention to do so, he said, and he would ask for \$50,000 in next year's budget to make preliminary surveys.

Counsel for S. W. Huff and Robert C. Lee, receivers for the New York and Queens County Railway, have been unable to serve the papers in the injunction suit brought to restrain the Manhattan Transit Company from operating buses in any part of New York city. They were told the company had offices in East Forty-eighth street, but so far have been unable to find them. Joseph H. Hoadley, president of the company, had been living at the Hotel Bossert, Brooklyn, but process servers have been unable to find him.

AUSTRALIA DEVELOPS RADIO.

Sees Wireless Telephone in Commercial Use Soon.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Sept. 5.—Such progress has been made in wireless telephony in Australia that authorities following its development predict it will be in commercial use before many years. The Melbourne radio station broadcasts phonograph records and the human voice. Amateurs 1,200 miles away frequently have heard the music.

WAREHOUSES SELECTED FOR STORING OF LIQUOR

Place in New York City Is Not Picked Yet.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Selection of fourteen warehouses under the Treasury's program for concentrating the liquor now stored in bonded warehouses into a limited number of warehouses was announced to-day by Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair.

The warehouses selected are Quincy Market Cold Storage and Warehouse Company, Boston; the Philadelphia Pure Rye Whiskey Distilling Company, Edgington, Pa.; the Baltimore Concentration Warehouse Company, Baltimore; A. Overholt Company, Broad Ford, Pa.; Joseph S. Finch & Co., Pittsburgh; the Ohio-Kentucky Distillery and Warehouse Company, Lynchburg, Ohio; the Louisville Public Warehouse Company, Louisville; Sibley Warehouse Company, Louisville; Sibley Warehouse Company, St. Louis; the R. U. Leonori Auction and Storage Company, St. Louis; the South End Warehouse Company, San Francisco; the Fresno Warehouse Company, Fresno, Cal.; and the Cook-McFarland Company, Los Angeles. The designation for New York city, Mr. Blair stated, will be announced at a later date, as will additional warehouses in the city of Louisville and at other places in Kentucky.

IRISH REPUBLICANS ATTACK WATERFORD

Bombard City From Hills and Snipe in Streets.

BELFAST, Sept. 5 (Associated Press).—Waterford city was subjected to Republican attacks for several hours Monday night, both from within and without. Firing was directed from the heights overlooking the town and simultaneously by detached bodies of rebels in the streets.

Rebels made an unsuccessful attack on the barracks at Carrickmacroom, County Monaghan, early this morning, firing with machine guns, rifles, revolvers and bombs. They lost one man killed and two others wounded.

IRISH CABINET LIKELY TO HAVE MANY SHIFTS

Cosgrave to Quit Local Office and Duggan Home Affairs.

DUBLIN, Sept. 5.—It is practically certain that William Cosgrave will resign as Minister of Local Government and devote himself exclusively to the Finance Ministry. The change in the Irish Cabinet are likely to be more extensive than anticipated, but will consist mainly in a changing about of positions.

Eamon J. Duggan is in poor health and will probably exchange the Ministry of Home Affairs for a post without portfolio.

POLAND REDUCES HER ARMY.

The Polish Legation announced through the Polish Embassy in London here to-day that it has been officially informed that the Polish Ministry of Military Affairs had released, as of August 1, the class of 1895, thus reducing the size of the Polish army. This official information is said to disprove recent reports that Poland's army had been increased from 250,000 to 300,000 men.

DROWNING INQUEST EXONERATES GUARDS

Charge They Spooned White Girl Struggled in Ocean Falls Through.

BLAME DEATH ON HEART

Atlantic City Jurors Unmoved by Testimony Victim Had No Cardiac Ailment.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 5.—The life guards on the Chelsea Beach were acquitted to-night of negligence in the death of Miss Esther Kerchner of Macungie, Pa., in the ocean here on August 21.

The inquest to-night in the City Hall lasted several hours. The jury after forty-five minutes returned the following verdict:

"We find that Esther Kerchner came by her death by heart failure on August 21 while bathing in the ocean at the foot of Montpelier avenue. We do not find any apparent negligence on the part of the life guards in attempting to rescue her."

Arnold Deblrier, "Coroner," had summoned a "millionaires' jury," determined, as he put it, to get the best judgment in Atlantic City. The jury was composed of Mayor Amor Brehman of Ventnor City, Samuel P. Leeds, president of the Chamber of Commerce; William Emley, president of the Real Estate Board; Andrew Jacoby, wholesale tobacco merchant; Harry Harrison, dictator of the Moose; Harry Latz, owner of the Alhambra Hotel; M. E. Blatt, of the Blatt Department Store; John Slaps, president of the Atlantic City National Bank; Hugh Genos, former city assessor, and Walter J. Buzby, formerly state highway commissioner. Nearly a score of witnesses were heard. Mrs. Elizabeth Conger, with whom the Kerchner girl lived, denied she had been afflicted with heart disease. Mrs. Catherine Griffin said she saw the girl throw up her hands and heard her scream. It was four or five minutes later, she said, before the guards reached her body.

R. J. McInnis said he saw the struggling girl come to the surface three times. It was ten minutes from the time he at first saw her to the time the life guards reached her side. Fred Hamm said when the attention of the life guards was called to the girl they expressed the opinion that the object in the water was a log. Now accused the life guards of spooning on the beach while the young woman was drowning, as has been charged.

BRITISH ASK FRENCH AID IN URGING ARMISTICE

PARIS, Sept. 5 (Associated Press).—The French Government to-day received through the British Embassy a note from the British Government requesting consideration of the possibility of taking steps to bring about an armistice between the Greeks and the Turks. The French replied this evening.

Although the terms of the note exchanged were not disclosed, it is inferred from the promptness of the French reply that an agreement between the two governments will rapidly be reached.

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